

The Tragedie

2. He not meddle with it, it is a dangerous thing,
It makes a man a coward. A man cannot steale,
But it accuseh him, he cannot steale but it checks him;
He cannot lie with his neighbours wife but it detects,
Him, it is a blushing shamfull spirite that mutinies
In a mans bosome: it fills one full of obstacles,
It made me once restore a peece of gold that I found.
It beggers any man that keeps it: it is turnd out of all
Townes and Citties for a dangerous thing, and euery
Man that meanes to liue well, and endeauours to trust
To himselfe, and liue without it.

1. Zounds, it is euen now at my elbow, perswading me
Not to kill the Duke.

2. Take the diuill in thy minde, and beleue him not,
He would insinuate with thee to make thee sigh.

1. Tut I am strong in fraud he cannot preuaile with me,
I warrant thee.

2. Stood like a tall fellow that respects his reputation,
Come shall we to this geare?

1. Take him ouer the costard with the hilt of my sword,
And then we will chop him in the Malmsey, but in the next
2. Oh excellent deuice, make a soppe of him. room:

1. Harke, he stirs, shall I strike?

2. No, first lets reason with him. *Clā. awaketh.*

Clā. Where art thou keeper, giue mee a cup of wine.

1. You shall haue wine enough, my Lord anone.

Clā. in Gods name what art thou?

2. A man, as you are.

Clā. But not as I am, royall.

1. Nor you as wee are loyall.

Clā. Thy voyce is thunder, but thy lookes are humble.

2. My voyce is now the Kings, my lookes mine owne.

Clā. How darkely and how deadly doest thou speake?

Tell mee, who are you? wherefore came you hither?

Am. To, to, to.

Clā. To murder me? *Am. I.*

Clā. You scarce haue the heart to tell mee so,
And therefore cannot haue the heart to doe it,
Wherein my friends haue I offended you?

of Richard the Third

1. Offended vs you haue not, but th

Clā. I shall be reconciled to him again

2. Neuer my Lo. therefore prepare

Clā. Are you cald forth from out a w

To slay the innocent? what is my offen

Where are the euidence to accuse me?

What lawfull quest hath giuen their ve

Vnto the frowning Iudge, or who pron

The bitter sentence of poore Clarence

Before I be conuicte by course of law

To threaten me with death is most vnl

I charge you as you hope to haue reden

By Christs deare blood shed for our ge

That you depart and lay no hand one

The deede you vndertake is damnable

1. What wee will doe, we doe vpon

2. And he that hath commanded vs

Clā. Erroneous vassaille, the great K

Haue in his Table of his Law comma

Thar thou shalt doe no murder, and w

Spurne at his edict, and fullfill a mans?

Take heede, for he holdes vengeance in

To hurle vpon their heads that breake h

2. And that same vengeance doth

For false forswearing and for murder

Thou didst receiue the holy Sacramen

To fight the quarel of the house of La

1. And like a traitor to the name of

didst breake that vow, and with thy m

Vnript the bowels of thy Soneraignes

2. Whome thou wert sworne to cher

1. How canst thou vrge Gods dread

Whenthou hast brooke it in so deere

Clā. Alas, for whose sake did I that

For Edward, for my brother, for his sa

Why firs he lends you not to murder

For in this sin he is as deepe as I,

If God will be reuenged for this deed

Take not the quarrell from his power

1. Offended

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